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EMERGENCY BRIEF

This is UNEVALUATED Information

Country: Czechoslovakia

Subject: Emergency Brief on Delta (Vojtech Csanzar)

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Date of Info:

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[Large Redacted Area]

- (a) 9th or 19th [Redacted] Border Guard Brig. with Headquarters in FOPETOVICE. [Redacted] this brigade had five battalions. The 1st Bn was located in JEMNICE (N49-02, E15-34), the 2d Bn in VRANOV (N49-57, E15-49) and the 3d Bn in ZNOJMO. The CO of this brigade was Maj (FA) ZOUBEK. This information dates to March 1956. A horse cavalry squadron was formed under the jurisdiction of the ZNOJMO Border Guard Brig at the beginning of 1956. It was planned to station this squadron in the P/SEKNA area, which was under the jurisdiction of the 3d Co, 1st Bn in VIANOV.
- (b) Unidentified Border Guard Brig. in SUSICE (N49-14, E13-31) with an unidentified battalion in PRASILY (N49-06, E13-23).

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(c) Unidentified (possibly 9th or 19th) Border Guard brigade in ROBEZOVICE (N49-31, E12-48). Its 2d Bn was located in PIVON (N49-29, E12-44); the CO of this battalion was 1st Lt Antonin HOLUBAR.

(d) Col or Lt Col (fnu) SIXTA was Border Guard Chief of Staff in 1955.

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(e) Unidentified VS (Interior Guard) brigade in PRAGUE-Vrsovice was located within the Rohacovy Barracks, which was on the street of the 28th Regt.

(f) Unidentified Interior Guard (VS) brigade in GADNO.

(g) Unidentified Interior Guard (VS) brigade in PILSEN.

(h) Unidentified VS training center in LEVOCA (N49-02, E20-36).

(i) Unidentified Army Transport Unit in JINDRICHUV HRADEC (N49-09, E15-00).

(j) Southwest of PIVON (N49-27, E12-44) on top on either the Cerchov or Herstejn Hill, there was an aircraft observation post (hlaskari). this post was subordinate to Col (now possibly Maj Gen) Eduard DITTMICH, the highest-ranking military commander in PILSEN.

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(k) There was a Border Guard dog training center in VODNANY (N49-09, E14-11). In June 1956, the center began cross-breeding dogs with wolves.

(l) Due to inadequate billets, it was planned to transfer the 1st Bn of the GESKE HUBEJOVICE Border Guard Brigade from PREDNI VYTON (N48-38, E14-11) to LIPNO (N48-38, E14-14), as soon as the water dam construction in the LIPNO area was completed.

(m) only officers who had completed training in the USSR could be appointed as Border Guard battalion CO's.

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3. the 2d Border Guard Bn in PIVON, which was subordinate to the 9th or 19th Border Guard Brig in ROBEZOVICE, was disbanded and the battalion staff

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was transferred to VRANOV (N48-54, E15-49), where a new Border Guard battalion, also designated as the 2d Border Guard Bn but subordinate to an unidentified Border Guard brigade in ZNOJMO, was located (see 2, (a)).

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this move was undertaken in connection with the reinforcement of the Czechoslovak-Austrian border prior to the Soviet departure from Austria.

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Troops of the 2d Bn were reassigned to the neighboring 1st and 3d Bns on the right and left respectively of the old 2d Bn.

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4. [redacted] significant increase in military personnel during the six months [redacted]

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5. [redacted] the 1935 and 1936 year classes were currently serving with units [redacted] men in an unknown year class were discharged from the Border Guard in January 1956.

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(e) [redacted] the Military Medical Academy (VLA) in HRADEC KRALOVE in 1955. the students were shown equipment for detecting nuclear-contaminated areas. There were three different types of instruments; one resembled a pencil, one was similar to a microscope and the largest resembled a small drum. [redacted]

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9. [redacted]

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10. At the end of January 1956, the Recruit Training Center (in UHERCICE) of the ZNOJMO Border Guard brigade received new automatic rifles, [redacted] Model 52's of Czechoslovak origin. [redacted] these rifles in the units of the CESKE BUDEJOVICE Border Guard brigade [redacted]

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11. [redacted] huge buildings resembling hangars under construction on the southern side of the track about six kilometers from BRATISLAVA. It was rumored that the buildings were to be used as storage houses for unknown items.

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12. - 16. [redacted]

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17. In 1956, the CO of the CESKE BUDEJOVICE Border Guard brigade often traveled to PRAGUE on business. Battalion CO's were frequently attending meetings at this Border Guard brigade, and at times they also traveled to PRAGUE. There was little of this type of officer activity in 1955.

18. The entire Border Guard was alerted during the POZNAN riots in Poland.

19. According to hearsay, a radar post was located in TOMAS, a small community near FREMI VYTEM.

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1. There was no concerted drive to recruit women for factory work, police, or military positions.

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3. The acute shortage of meat continued. Medical drugs for the civilian population were sometimes unobtainable. [Redacted] this was due to poor distribution rather than lack of medicines.

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4. [Redacted]

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5. From June 1956, letters from Czechoslovakia to Hungary could simply be dropped in the mail box. Formerly they had to be mailed at the post office counter.

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6. Some underground construction work was in process in a hill in JANSOV, Kalyonka District. The work was being done by soldiers.

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